Termination of services of casual workers in Indian Airlines

1399. SHRI CO. POULOSE:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Indian Airlines have terminated the services of 250 casual workers who were working regularly from April, 1996 without any breack in service;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether fresh casual workers have been deployed in their place?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVAIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) As per the Orders of the High Court of Delhi dated 9.5.1997 and 21.8.1998, the persons who were on the regular panel approved on 20.11.1990 are being engaged on casual basis in the order of their merit and the persons who were earlier being engaged as casuals have been discontinued.

Procurement of Smaller aircrafts

1400. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to introduce smaller aircrafts for short distance routes in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how Government plan to utilise hundreds of smaller Airports lying unutilised?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Operators are free to operate to any station depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines. With a view to achieving better regulation of air transport services and taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions in the country, route dispersal guidelines have been framed. These guidelines stipulate all scheduled operators to deploy in the North Eastern Region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep (Category-II routes) at least 10% of their deployed capacity on trunk routes (Category-I routes); 1% of the capacity deployed on Category-II routes is to be deployed exclusively within Category-II stations; and 50% of the capacity provided on Category-I routes is to be deployed on routes other than Category-I and Category-II routes (Category-Ill routes).

A proposal to provide incentives/ concessions for operations with smaller aircraft (upto 55 seater) is under consideration.

भोपाल विमानपत्तन स्थित हवाई पट्टी का विस्तार

1401. श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय : क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क)क्या भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण ने भोपाल के हवाई अड्डे का विस्तार किया है और इसकी हवाई पट्टी को बढ़ाकर एयर बस सेवा के लिए उपयुक्त बनाया हैं; और

(ख)यदि हां, तो एयरबस सेवा परिचालित न किए जाने के क्या कारण है?

नागर निमानन मंत्री (श्री अनंत कुमार) : (क) भारतीय विमानपत्त्न प्रधिकरण ने धावनपथ को 7500 फुट तक विस्तार किये जाने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से भूमि अधिग्रहण किये जाने का अनुरोध किया हैं जिससे इस धावनपथ को एयरबस 320 विमानों के प्रचालनों के लिए पैनल्टी के साथ एयरबस प्रकार के विमानों के प्रचालन के लिए उपयुक्त हैं।

(ख)इंडियन एयरलाईंस की एक पूर्ण रूवामित्व वाली एलायंस एयर बोईग-737 विमानों से भोपाल के लिए/से होकर सप्ताह में सात उड़ानों का प्रचालन कर रही है। भोपाल विमानपत्तन पर यातायात की मांग को पूरा करने के लिए वर्तमान क्षमता पर्याप्त समझी जाती हैं।